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SUBJECT: 29TH GA-THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS ON STATUS OF
INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS (AGENDA ITEM 58)

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW ARE TEXTS OF DRAFT RES (L2133) AND
PROPOSED AMENDMENT (L.2142) THIS ITEM.

2. AMENDMENT 3 RAISES AGAIN "ALL STATES" ISSUE. WE WILL
BE CONSULTING WITH OTHER WEO'S AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO
REPEAT PROCEUDURE USED IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S
YEAR CONFERENCE (SEE USUN 4729), I.E., CLARIFYING STATEMENT
FROM CHAIR.

3. AS NON-PARTIES TO CONVENANTS, US DEL PROPOSES TO FOLLOW
LEAD OF WEO'S AND OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES IN VOTING ON
AMENDMENTS AND RES. WE WILL CONSULT WITH THEM AND ADVISE DEPT
OF THEIR PROPOSED STRATEGY.

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
HAVING NOTED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE
INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND
THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL
AND POLITICAL RIGHTS,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3142 (XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973 AND

IN PARTICULAR ITS BELIEF THAT THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL, WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT FOLLOWING ITS APPEAL SEVERAL MEMBER STATES HAVE ACCEDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTION 3060 (XXVIII) OF 2 NOVEMBER 1973 RELATING TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITED STATES WHICH HAD NOT YET DONE SO TO RATIFY, INTER ALIA, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, DESIROUS TO ASSIST IN HASTENING THE PROCESS OF RATIFICATION AND BRINGING INTO FORCE THOSE INSTRUMENTS,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITIES OF ACCELERATING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE INTERNAL PROCEDURES THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2200 A(XXI) OF 16 DECEMBER 1966, 2788 (XXVI) OF 6 DECEMBER 1971 AND 3142(XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973, TO PREPARE ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENTS, AND SUBMIT TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS NEXT SESSION A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.

BULGARIA AND CYPRUS : AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
CONTAINED ON DOCUMENT A/C.3/L.2133
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1. IN THE SECOND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH REPLACE THE WORDS:
"INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS" BY THE FOLLOWING:
" INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND
POLITICAL RIGHTS".

2. IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, AFTER THE WORDS "CULTURAL RIGHTS" INSERT

THE WORLD"AND" AND REPLACE THE WORDS: " AND THE OPTIONAL PRO-
TOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL
RIGHTS " BY THE FOLLOWING: "AND THEIR ENTRY INTO
FORCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BY THE THIRTIETH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;"

3. ADD A NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:
" DECIDES TO INVITE ALL STATES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS." ---
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